

for sale to eligible refiners, small refiners may apply to participate in this sale of Federal royalty oil and follow procedures under which contracts for the purchase of royalty oil will be awarded. Completed applications to participate in the sale bid proposals, signed contracts, and surety instruments must be submitted to MMS.

The application must be complete and timely filed, and applicants for royalty oil will be required to provide a surety instrument with their bid package. This

surety instrument must be a Letter of Credit, Form MMS-4071, or a Royalty-In-Kind Contract Surety Bond, Form MMS-4072. We estimate the annual reporting burden for refiners submitting either surety document is 1 hour.

The PRA provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. A 60-day **Federal Register** Notice soliciting comments on this collection

of information was published on December 8, 1999 (64 FR 68699). No comments were received.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Royalty payors.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25 payors.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: 25 burden hours. Refer to the following chart:

Reporting and recordkeeping requirements	Frequency	Number of respondents	Burden	Annual burden hours
Complete and submit Forms MMS-4071 and MMS-4072	Yearly	25	25 x 1 hours	25 hours.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost"

Burden: We have identified no cost burdens for this collection.

Comments: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires each agency " * * * to provide notice * * * and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. * * *"

Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Send your comments directly to the offices listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments by April 28, 2000.

MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Jo Ann Lauterbach (202) 208-7744.

Dated: March 7, 2000.

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Associate Director for Royalty Management.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0048).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), we are notifying you that we have submitted the information collection request (ICR) discussed below to the OMB for review and approval. We are also inviting your comments on this ICR.

DATES: Submit written comments by April 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010-0048), 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. Mail or handcarry a copy of your comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Attention: Rules Processing Team; Mail Stop 4024; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by

law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alexis London, Rules Processing Team, telephone (703) 787-1600. You may also contact Alexis London to obtain a copy of the collection of information at no cost.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR part 251, Geological and Geophysical (G&G) Exploration of the OCS

OMB Control Number: 1010-0048.

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*, gives the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) the responsibility to preserve, protect, and develop oil and gas resources in the OCS, consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; balance orderly energy resource development with protection of the human, marine, and coastal environments; ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS; and preserve and maintain free enterprise competition.

The OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1340) also states that "any person authorized by the Secretary may conduct geological and geophysical explorations in the [O]uter Continental Shelf, which do not interfere with or endanger actual operations under any lease maintained or granted pursuant to this OCS Lands Act, and which are not unduly harmful to aquatic life in such area." The section further requires that, permits to conduct

such activities may only be issued if it is determined that the applicant is qualified; the activities are not polluting, hazardous, or unsafe; they do not interfere with other users of the area; and do not disturb a site, structure, or object of historical or archaeological significance. Applicants for permits are required to submit form MMS-327 to provide the information necessary to evaluate their qualifications.

Regulations at 30 CFR part 251 implement these statutory requirements. We use the information to ensure there is no environmental degradation, personal harm or unsafe operations and conditions, damage to historical or archaeological sites, or interference with other uses; to analyze and evaluate preliminary or planned drilling activities; to monitor progress and activities in the OCS; to acquire G&G data and information collected under a Federal permit offshore; and to

determine eligibility for reimbursement from the Government for certain costs. The information is necessary to determine if the applicants for permits or filers of notices meet the qualifications specified by the OCS Lands Act. MMS uses information collected to understand the G&G characteristics of oil-and-gas bearing physiographic regions of the OCS. It aids the Secretary in obtaining a proper balance among the potentials for environmental damage, the discovery of oil and gas, and adverse impacts on affected coastal states. Information from permittees is necessary to determine the propriety and amount of reimbursement.

We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2) and under regulations at 30 CFR parts 250, 251,

and 252. No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are mandatory or required to obtain or retain a benefit.

The PRA provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. We published a **Federal Register** notice with the required 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this ICR on November 12, 1999 (64 FR 61659).

Frequency: On occasion, annually, or as specified in permits.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: Primarily, approximately 150 Federal OCS permittees or notice filers.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: 8,109 burden hours, averaging approximately 54 hours per respondent. Refer to the following chart.

Citation 30 CFR 251	Reporting and recordkeeping requirement	Number	Burden	Annual burden hours
251.4; 251.5; 251.6(c)	Apply for permits (form MMS-327) or file notices; consult with other users of the area.	150 Notices or Applications	6 hours	900
251.6(b); 251.7(b)(5)(iii)	Notify MMS if specific actions should occur; report archaeological resources. (No instances reported since 1982).	1 Notice	1 hour	1
251.7	Submit information on test drilling activities under a permit; including form MMS-123.	Burden included with 30 CFR 250.201, 250.203, & form MMS-123 (1010-0049 & 1010-0044)		0
251.7(c)	Enter into agreement for group participation in test drilling, including publishing summary statement; provide MMS copy of notice/list of participants. (No agreements submitted since 1989).	1 Agreement	1 hour	1
251.7(d)	Submit bond on deep stratigraphic test	Burden included under 30 CFR part 256 regs (1010-0006)		
251.8(a)	Request reimbursement for certain costs associated with MMS inspections. (No requests in many years. OCS Lands Act requires Government reimbursement.)	1 Request	1 hour	1
251.8(b), (c)	Submit modifications to, and status/final reports on, activities conducted under a permit.	150 Respondents × 4 Reports = 600.	8 hours	4,800
251.9(c)	Notify MMS to relinquish a permit	8 Notices	.5 hour	4
251.10(c)	File appeals	Burden included with 1010-0121		0
251.11; 251.12	Submit to MMS G&G data/information collected under a permit; including license agreements/notifications to MMS.	50 Respondents × 2 Submissions = 100.	4 hours	400
251.13	Request reimbursement for certain costs associated with reproducing data/info.	50 Respondents × 2 Submissions = 100.	20 hours	2,000
251.14(c)(2)	Submit comments on MMS intent to disclose data/info.	1 Comment	1 hour	1
251.14(c)(4)	Contractor/agent submit written commitment not to sell, trade, license, or disclose data/info without MMS consent.	1 Commitment	1 hour	1
Total Reporting Burden		963 Responses		8,109

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden: We have identified no cost burdens for this collection.

Comments: All comments are made a part of the public record. Section

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specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed

collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Send your comments directly to the offices listed under the addresses section of this notice. The OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments by April 28, 2000.

MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Jo Ann Lauterbach, (202) 208-7744.

Dated: February 24, 2000.

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Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Proclaiming Certain Lands as Reservation for the Jicarilla Apache Indian Tribe of New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Reservation proclamation.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs proclaimed approximately 14,138.983 acres, more or less, as an addition to the reservation of the Jicarilla Apache Indian Tribe of New Mexico on March 21, 2000. This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.1.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry E. Scrivner, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Deputy Director, Office of Trust Responsibilities, MS-4510/MIB/Code 220, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240, telephone (202) 208-7737.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proclamation was issued according to the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 986; 25 U.S.C. 467), for the tracts of land described below. The land was proclaimed to be an addition to and part of the reservation of the Jicarilla Apache Indian Tribe of New Mexico for the exclusive use of Indians on that

reservation who are entitled to reside at the reservation by enrollment or tribal membership.

Reservation of the Jicarilla Apache Indian Tribe of Indians

Arriba County, New Mexico

All of the following described tracts, pieces, or parcels of land comprising 14,138.983 acres of land, more or less, situated in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, to wit:

Tract I—14,117.08 acres, more or less

Beginning at a northeasterly corner of the herein described tract of land, a stone marked "BNE" on the west side of the Chama River, from whence N.M.S.E.O. brass cap stamped "Escondida 1973" and having New Mexico State Plane Coordinates, Central Zone, of $x = 407,662.02' y = 2,116,662.34'$, bears S. 18° 14' 50" E., 7,645.65 feet; thence N. 89° 56' 25" E., 240.01 feet to the centerline of the Chama River and Point #1, this point is also common with an intersection between Points 63 and 64 on the Tyree survey done on 4/3/72 for Rio Chama Estate; thence S. 55° 24' 45" W. 377.69 feet (S. 54° 59' 45" W., 377.69 feet) along the centerline of the Chama River to Point #2, this point being common to Point #64 on the Tyree survey (This survey follows the Tyree survey from Point #1 to Point #36); thence following the centerline of the Chama River S. 27° 37' 30" W. 153.93 feet (S. 27° 12' 30" W., 153.93 feet) to Point #3; thence S. 15° 27' 20" E., 258.21 feet (S. 15° 52' 20" E., 258.21 feet) to Point #4; thence S. 10° 04' 00" W., 338.53 feet (S. 09° 39' 00" W., 338.53 feet) to Point #5; thence S. 25° 34' 35" W., 289.37 feet (S. 25° 09' 35" W., 289.37 feet) to Point #6; thence S. 06° 53' 00" W., 122.21 feet (S. 06° 28' 00" W., 122.21 feet) to Point #7; thence S. 23° 38' 45" E., 193.39 feet (S. 24° 03' 45" E., 193.38 feet) to Point #8; thence S. 14° 37' 25" E., 504.54 feet (S. 15° 02' 25" E., 504.54 feet) to Point #9; thence S. 00° 20' 05" W., 111.57 feet (S. 00° 04' 55" E., 111.57 feet) to Point #10; thence S. 16° 43' 55" W., 184.67 feet (S. 16° 18' 55" W., 184.67 feet) to Point #11; thence S. 32° 19' 35" W., 172.40 feet (S. 31° 54' 35" W., 172.40 feet) to Point #12; thence S. 19° 36' 45" W., 138.92 feet (S. 19° 11' 45" W., 138.92 feet) to Point #13; thence S. 15° 43' 55" E., 142.65 feet (S. 16° 08' 55" E., 142.65 feet) to Point #14; thence S. 42° 38' 25" E., 192.23 feet (S. 43° 03' 25" E., 192.23 feet) to Point #15; thence S. 28° 21' 40" E., 285.93 feet (S. 28° 46' 40" E., 285.93 feet) to Point #16; thence S. 21° 10' 30" E., 336.34 feet (S. 21° 35' 30" E., 336.34 feet) to Point #17; thence S. 01° 36' 30" W., 461.23 feet (S. 01° 11'

30" W., 461.23 feet) to Point #18; thence S. 01° 59' 15" W., 205.16 feet (S. 01° 34' 15" W., 205.16 feet) to Point #19; thence S. 24° 06' 15" W., 479.80 feet (S. 23° 41' 15" W., 469.80 feet) to Point #20; thence S. 00° 49' 05" W., 117.99 feet (S. 10° 24' 05" W., 117.99 feet) to Point #21; thence S. 15° 09' 10" E., 123.03 feet (S. 15° 34' 10" E., 123.03 feet) to Point #22; thence S. 40° 39' 40" E., 148.02 feet (S. 41° 04' 40" E., 148.02 feet) to Point #23; thence N. 77° 26' 05" E., 93.50 feet (N. 77° 01' 05" E., 93.50 feet) to Point #24; thence S. 77° 39' 05" E., 88.39 feet (S. 78° 04' 05" E., 72.96 feet) to Point #25; thence S. 00° 27' 10" E., 204.66 feet (S. 00° 52' 10" E., 204.66 feet) to Point #26; thence S. 21° 53' 10" W., 145.42 feet (S. 21° 28' 10" W., 145.42 feet) to Point #27; thence S. 03° 08' 20" W., 226.69 feet (S. 02° 43' 20" W., 226.69 feet) to Point #28; thence S. 34° 25' 15" W., 319.34 feet (S. 34° 00' 15" W., 319.34 feet) to Point #29; thence S. 45° 34' 00" W., 326.96 feet (S. 45° 09' 00" W., 326.96 feet) to Point #30; thence S. 33° 14' 20" W., 222.40 feet (S. 32° 49' 20" W., 222.40 feet) to Point #31; thence S. 14° 20' 35" W., 140.16 feet (S. 13° 55' 35" W., 140.16 feet) to Point #32; thence S. 10° 55' 05" E., 312.95 feet (S. 11° 20' 05" E., 312.95 feet) to Point #33; thence S. 32° 40' 00" W., 230.31 feet (S. 32° 15' 00" W., 230.31 feet) to Point #34; thence S. 43° 23' 50" W., 231.85 feet (S. 42° 58' 50" W., 231.85 feet) to Point #35; thence S. 23° 24' 05" W., 178.78 feet (S. 22° 59' 05" W., 178.78 feet) to Point #36 in the middle of the Chama River, this point being common to Point #99 on the Tyree survey and also common to the northwest corner of the Valdez survey done in November 1981 for Leo Smith; thence following the centerline of the Chama River which is the common boundary line between the Willow Creek Ranch and the grantor's tract (This survey follows the Valdez survey of the centerline of the river from Point #36 to Point #40); thence S. 19° 25' 27" W., 307.13 feet to Point #37 (S. 19° 27' 27" W., 307.13 feet); thence S. 05° 21' 22" W., 532.35 feet to Point #38 (S. 05° 23' 22" W., 532.35 feet); thence S. 71° 17' 59" W., 781.09 feet to Point #39 (S. 71° 19' 59" W., 781.09 feet); thence S. 22° 41' 40" W., 314.14 feet to Point #40 (S. 24° 16' 58" W., 318.28 feet) this point being the southwest corner of the Smith property at the centerline of the Chama River; thence following the south boundary of the Smith (Bren) property N. 88° 37' 38" E., 130.11 feet to a set 1/2" rebar with cap at Point #111, a fence corner; thence S. 09° 16' 46" W., 252.69 feet to a found rebar at Point #110; thence S. 29° 47' 59" W., 489.91 feet to a set 1/2" rebar at Point #109; thence S. 79° 29' 04" W., 219.61 feet to a found